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1. During the period from 9 to 28 July 1951, training activity in the Templin-(N 54/U 3) area continued as was previously described, with the troops staying in the camps most of the time. Officers complained that they had too much duty which left them with scarcely enough time for regular meals. The officers of the unit with the numerical designation 175, who departed for the Ribbeck area on 5 July returned after a few days, having allegedly performed surveying work. Some soldiers of the unit, including the commanding officer, returned from furlough. Further leaves were cancelled. A commission of officers arrived at the camp on 24 July and were quartered in several low wooden barracks buildings. It was said to be an examining commission, and its members inspected all types of duty. They even questioned the German employees about their work, food, treatment, etc. It was said that the examination of the unit with the numerical designation 175 would be completed by 31 July, and further units would be inspected subsequently. \*

2. A train with troops and artillery pieces arrived at the Vogelsang railroad station from the direction of Cranienburg on 27 July. At Vogelsang, 1 coach with 1 general and 17 high-ranking officers from Camp Vogelsang and 3 boxcars with additional officers were coupled to the train, and the train departed toward Templin. The general from Camp Vogelsang arrived in a [REDACTED] series. A major's wife who lived in the camp stated that the vehicle numbers would be changed in the near future. More low wooden barracks buildings were being constructed in the area south of the billeting areas of the units with the [REDACTED]

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a. A letter by Lieutenant Colonel Koshevo, (Inu), commanding officer of Unit [REDACTED] dated 21 May 1951; informing one Petr Romanovich Morozov, of Unit [REDACTED] that, after receiving a commission as an officer in October 1950, he was scheduled for reassignment in 1951/1952 instead of 1950; and specifying that a copy of the letter was forwarded to Unit [REDACTED]

b. A list of 28 items to be kept in supply by a technical supply company. The items included: iron, wire, brushes, ventilators, lumber, etc., probably for the construction of summer quarters. \*\*

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4. Firing of infantry weapons was heard from the target range of Camp Hammelspring on 20 July. Four units totaling 120 to 140 soldiers, in groups of about 30 men each were engaged in field training in the area east and southeast of the camp under the supervision of 1 captain, 1 senior lieutenant, and 1 lieutenant, all of whom wore infantry service color. Many soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets were seen in the camp proper. Five trucks loaded with furniture and baggage and 7 trucks towing 76.2-mm AT guns and 200 to 250 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were seen in one section of the camp. Ten trucks loaded with furniture, baggage and articles of clothing, and 12 trucks towing 76.2-mm AT guns, stood in the same section of the camp on 21 July. About 150 to 200 trucks and 60 to 50 canvas-covered tanks were parked in the eastern section of that camp. Two civilian trucks with trailers, which pulled up at the camp entrance at about 10:15 a.m., were denied access to the camp and went to the village of Hammelspring. The trucks had come from Frankfurt/Oder and carried uniforms and ~~underwear which were apparently~~

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6. A train carrying troops in five boxcars, 10 trucks and 6 artillery pieces stopped at the Templin railroad station on 22 July, having come from the direction of Bernau. Two of the trucks were

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